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# Office Update

by John Stey, Associate Director

By now, I hope that everyone took the opportunity to enjoy a few days of rest and relaxation this summer. As I write this column, the peaceful Rhode Island shore is only a week away.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for Outreach Projects was sent to all network members in early August. We anticipate at least a dozen proposals to reach our office by the September 20th deadline. If your proposal is not funded in this round, it may be submitted again in April '97. We encourage all health science libraries, consortia and health related organizations to submit an outreach proposal. Proposals will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) and the Associate Director. For more information, contact Cheryl Sinkler at 1-800-338-7657 or via e-mail sinkler@nso.uchc.edu

The new RAC will include individuals who represent institutions, associations and organizations that have a mission or goal similar to the NN/LM™ program. They are charged with providing evaluative input on the effectiveness of the program from their unique perspective and to help identify groups and other opportunities for outreach and network development. If you would like to serve on the RAC or nominate someone, please contact me at 1-800-338-7657 or via e-mail stey@nso.uchc.edu

The nnlm-ner listserv now has 146 participants. We are interested to know why many of you have not yet joined the list. We feel that the list can be used to keep each other and our office up to date and to provide a forum for the discussion of issues and concerns in the region. We encourage you to JOIN TODAY by sending an e-mail message to listserv@library.ummed.edu with no subject indicated and the message join nnlm-ner first name last name.

A Network Membership Drive will take place in October and November to bring our database and ultimately DOCUSER® up to date. When you receive the mailing in early October, take time to update your profile and help us collect data for several new fields. If you are not presently a member, we would like to invite you to join. An NN/LM member can be any library, information center, institution, or organization that has its own collection of health sciences materials (books, journals, audiovisuals) from which, in part, it provides information services to health professionals.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you at NAHSL!

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#### M/A/N Table Is Now Required

Every DOCLINE® routing table is actually composed of two separate tables. The first and much larger table has 9 cells and up to 20 LIBID's in each cell. This table is used to route DOCLINE requests that have a SERLINE® UI. The second and smaller table is the Monograph/Audiovisual/Non-SERLINE (M/A/N) table. This table is used to route all requests that do not have a SERLINE UI with it. There are five cells; A, B,C, and D, with cell E automatically containing NLM in it. Look in the *DOCLINE Manual* for a more detailed explanation of this table.

Many of the routing tables in the region do not have anything listed in their M/A/N table and therefore all non-SERLINE UI requests go to NLM by default. Due to staff cutbacks, reduction in resources and an increase in the number of these requests, NLM has asked that all DOCLINE participating libraries have an alternative entry in their M/A/N table.

In an effort to alleviate this problem, this Fall, the NN/LM NER office will be automatically assigning two libraries to those tables that are currently empty. This will consist of the resource library in your region and the University of Connecticut Health Center as the RML. Since NLM already charges for these loans, there will be no change in the costs associated with them but the requests will be spread out more thereby reducing the number of requests that NLM receives.

These changes will only affect those DOCLINE requests that don't have a SERLINE UI number. If you would like to add additional libraries to your M/A/N table or have different ones used, please contact the office at 1-800-338-7657 or 860-679-4500 or e-mail your changes to donnald@nso.uchc.edu.

#### **NLM Update Available**

If you are interested in the NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE UPDATE JUNE 1995-MAY 1996, it is available on the Web at this address:

#### http://www.nlm.nih.gov/publications/95-96update.html#health applications

If you don't have access to the Internet, give the office a call and we will be glad to send you a copy. It's 53 pages long but is a nice overview of what NLM has been busy doing the past year. Announcements on changes in MEDLARS® databases, NLM grants, their *Hyper*DOC web page, anticipated software updates, and other events significant to NLM are all highlighted.

# We Want To Hear From You!

This is your newsletter. We invite your suggestions, comments and ideas. If you have an article or photograph you'd like us to consider for the *Sounding Line*, send it to Edward Donnald, Network Coordinator, University of Connecticut Health Center, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT 06030-5370. If you know of a neat WWW address, want to share an experience, or have information of interest to others, let your colleagues know about it in the *Sounding Line* 

Deadline for the September-October issue is October 18, 1996.

## Distance Education In Library Science: One Student's View

by John C. Clark, Librarian, Augusta Mental Health Institute, ME

Maine went some ten years without access to an in-state masters program in Library Science. During that time, those who wanted to obtain a degree in library science had the option of commuting to Simmons College in Boston, attending Syracuse University or attending the satellite program through Clarion College in Pennsylvania. All three options required significant funds, motivation and job schedule flexibility. In August, 1994, thanks largely to the efforts of Walt Taranko of the Maine State Library and Tom Abbott of the University of Maine at Augusta, the University of South Carolina Distance Education Degree Program came to Maine. The initial enrollment was some 170 students. By the end of the second semester, total enrollment stabilized at 140 who came from every corner of Maine; Bethel to Machias, York to Madawaska. We were dropped into the information business with a vengeance as our first class was Reference Research. Paired as teams of two or three, we gained hands-on knowledge of every conceivable type of reference resource by the end of the first semester. It was a learning experience for the USC faculty as they underestimated both the distance required to locate the resources and the number that were library use only, often 150 miles away. For the computer literate, particularly those already employed in library settings, the process was much easier. For those select few with QuickDoc, it was MUCH easier. Each subsequent semester has had its own personality. Some courses have had a fairly sedate pace while the double summer sessions have required participants to forgo a life temporarily; my 1995 potato crop was a prime example of a Summer Session casualty, as I hurriedly planted them one day before class and never checked on them until the break between sessions. By that point, I had the fattest potato beetles in Central Maine and not much else.

Along the way, we have come to be a pretty close knit group while viewing from any of 110 sites scattered across Maine. Each class meets weekly (twice weekly in Summer sessions) for a two hour live satellite broadcast. We have gone to school with students in SC, OH, NC, GA and WV at varying times and in some instances have been partnered with students 1000 miles away for class projects. Each class has a call-in #800 as well as a unique closed listserv. When the stress level gets high, the humor really comes out on the list.

There was some friction about the humor from the SC students at one point, due in large part, to their misunderstanding about our remoteness from each other and from resources. The bonds formed among Maine students will go a long way towards forging resource and skill sharing in the 21st century. The program has had significant positives and negatives. On the positive side: we will graduate with an ALA accredited

MLIS degree. We will have a great networking relationship for the future. We will have great computer and Internet skills. We

will have been exposed to some excellent professors. We will have changed forever the library profession in Maine. There are numerous opportunities for internships and independent study programs. On the negative side: with over 2/3 of the participants in the school library/media field, electives are skewed in their favor. There are NO medical library courses. It took two semesters before USC hired an in-state coordinator. There was significant confusion regarding the need for a personal computer by each student. Assignments get lost in the mail going both ways. Courses get cancelled too late to allow for selection of another course. Technical help in South Carolina doesn't do much for software problems in Maine. Course materials sometimes took three weeks to arrive after a semester began.

Overall, I'm pleased with the experience and the lack of medical library courses is not a problem personally. I will complete my degree in May 1997 with a significant exposure to business and academic libraries as well as a true appreciation for humanities reference.

#### **GRANTS GALLERY**

by Marion Holena Levine, Assistant Director

One of the objectives of the NN/LM program is to promote and encourage the submission of applications for NLM and other government agency information-related grants from New England health science librarians. Beginning with this issue, there will be a column devoted to these grant programs so that you'll know what's out there and what institutions have received them. Regional staff are available to work with you as you develop your proposal; staff will also write letters of support for your grant applications.

CONNECTIONS TO THE INTERNET grants are still available from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to encourage research institutions and educational facilities to connect to the Internet. Proposing institutions must cost share, normally at least equal to NSF funding, and must continue to support the proposed Internet access after the period of NSF support. The supported costs of an institutional connection to the Internet may include the acquisition and maintenance of hardware and software to establish institutional access to the Internet as well as the installation and recurring charges for a communication channel. A two year nonrenewable grant of approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 will normally be awarded to successful proposers. In the case of

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#### **EFTS**

#### by John Stey, Associate Director

EFTS is working and working well. The telephones have stopped ringing and the e-mail messages are now running about one per day. Currently there are 211 members including 173 from Region 08 and 38 from Region 01. We recently sent the second quarter re-distribution checks to those libraries that charge for ILLs.

An EFTS Advisory Committee has been formed to represent the participants. Ralph Arcari, John Stey and Jay Daly will serve as ex-officio members. The committee members are: Ann Rolfe, Concord Hospital, Concord, NH; Pat Wales, Hospital of St. Raphael, New Haven CT; Marge Anderson, Mercy Hospital, Portland ME; Debby Sibley, UMASS Medical Center, Worcester, MA; Ellen Westling, Countway Library, Boston, MA; Tovah Reis, Brown University, Providence, RI; and Sherry Hartman, Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY representing Region 01.

Thanks to Judy Messerele and Ellen Westling for hosting the first meeting on August 15, 1996 at the Countway Library in Boston. Members present included; Ellen Westling, Ann Rolfe, Pat Wales, Marge Anderson, Ralph Arcari and John Stey. The consensus was that EFTS was working and that both resource libraries and primary access libraries benefit from the electronic system. Issues discussed included barriers to participation, the 5% fee, reporting errors and double billing, monthly vs quarterly reports and enhancements to the system. Watch for an EFTS questionnaire on the nnlm-ner listserv in the near future. In addition, a request was made for an updated listing of all resource library ILL policies in the region. A message will be posted on the listserv when this is available on the NN/LM NER home page. It will also be published in a future issue of the Sounding Line.

If you have any questions about EFTS, don't hesitate to call the network office, send e-mail to stey@nso.uchc.edu or contact any of the committee members. To request an application for participation, call Cheryl Sinkler at 1-800-338-7657 or via e-mail sinkler@nso.uchc.edu

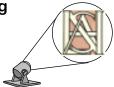
Topics for discussion should be sent to the nnlm-ner listserv at nnlm-ner@library.ummed.edu

#### **PREMEDLINE** Now Available

Citations will be entered in this file, before the indexing process, to reduce the time they are unavailable to the user while they are being indexed. The file will be updated every weekday with basic citation data such as Author, Title, Source, and Abstract. Other data such as MeSH® Heading, Publication Type, Comment, etc. will not be added to the records in this file. Citations are expected to be deleted from PREMEDLINE® when the fully indexed record is added to MEDLINE®.

## **NAHSL '96 Annual Meeting**

Current Realities-Future Directions: The Business of Health Science Libraries



We hope that you've made your reservations by now for NAHSL '96. This will be a joint conference of the North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries and the New York/New Jersey chapter of the Medical Library Association. Even if you haven't signed up yet, they are still accepting late registrations and there's always enough room for walk-ins. Come to beautiful Greenwich CT from Sunday October 6 to Tuesday October 8, 1996, and join your fellow colleagues in learning about *The Need for Change in Libraries, Scholarly Communication and the Impact of Electronic Access, Projecting Your Role,* and Consumer Health Issues. The NN/LM-NER office will be among the many exhibitors, so stop by and check out Grateful Med for Windows or try your hand at our trivia quiz. You could win a colorful Grateful Med T-shirt.

The latest information on hotel registration, travel directions, program details and events and even the weather can be found on the NAHSL home page at:

#### http://nnlmner.uchc.edu/nahsl/

If you have any questions or want further information, contact R. Kenny Marone at (203) 785-4358 or e-mail at marone@biomed.yale.edu.

#### **BHSL Bullets**

- ☐ Effective July 1, 1996, Heidi Marshall will be the librarian for both the School of Nursing, SERHOLD® Code WAW, and the Health Sciences Library, SERHOLD Code PWH, at the Washington Hospital in Washington, PA. The collections will remain separate and articles may still be obtained using 15301B for the Health Sciences Library and 15301C for the Nursing Library. If you have any questions, call (412) 223-3892.
- □ Effective July 1, 1996, Community General Hospital, SERHOLD Code ZUG, LIBID 13215A, will no longer be a member of BHSL. They will continue to honor CLRC and New York State reciprocal borrowing agreements.
- ☐ Effective July 23, 1996, Hospital for Special Care, SERHOLD Code NBM, LIBID 06053A, will no longer be a member of BHSL.
- ☐ Effective August 2, 1996, Rivier College, SERHOLD Code RIV, LIBID 03060C, will no longer be a member of BHSL.

## **How To Get The EFTS Membership List** by Ed Donnald, Network Coordinator

So you want to know who belongs to EFTS? You may be filling in your special sort fields in QuickDoc or perhaps want to know who else has transitioned their interlibrary loan charges to this innovative system. The list of EFTS members is updated monthly and is available via ftp. This file is in a comma delimited format which means that it can be imported into a spreadsheet or database and then manipulated in any manner you choose. Although there are many different ways to skin the proverbial cat, I will explain one of them and perhaps if your system is a little different it may still give you some ideas.

The first thing you need to do is to get a copy of the file by ftp (file transfer protocol). If you are sending us your monthly uploads by ftp, than you should have this part down pretty well. However, let me walk you through it anyway. I suppose there are two approaches, a graphical interface and a command line interface. Let's start with the first. If you are running Windows and have Internet access, you may have the program WS FTP. [You can download the program off the Internet at <a href="http://www.csra.net/junodj/ws">http://www.csra.net/junodj/ws</a> ftp.htm]. Double click on the application to open it and then fill in the host name as nnlmner.uchc.edu. Put in your ID, which is a "u" followed by your LIBID, and your password. This will log you onto our machine and drop you into your own directory where you put your monthly uploads of transactions. Double click on the up arrow at the top of the right hand window. Then double click on the directories to enter them. You want to follow this path /export/EFTS/eftadmin/docs. When you see the file acctmemb.txt in the right hand window, double click on it and it will transfer it back to your PC.

If you aren't as fortunate to have the graphical interface, you may be using a command line mode in which all you have is a prompt you'll need to type in the commands. Again, there may be many scenarios, but let's say you're logged into your institution's mainframe and have to type the command ftp nnlmner.uchc.edu to connect to our machine. Again you would be prompted to enter your ID and password and would be put into your own directory. At this point you need to know a pinch of UNIX. Below is the sequence of commands to follow. (You type the bolded text, and UXIX is case sensitive)

UNIX prompt> ftp nnlmner.uchc.edu

Connected to nnlmner.uchc.edu

220 nnlmner.uchc.edu FTP server (UNIX(r) System V Release 4.0)

ready

Name: u01234

331 Password required for u01234 Password: password entered 230 User u01234 logged in.

ftp> cd /export/EFTS/eftadmin/docs

250 CWD command successful.

ftp> ls this command lists the files in the directory, aka cd in DOS 200 PORT command successful.

150 ASCII data connection for /bin/ls (155.379.88,32816) (0 bytes). acctmemb.oldtxt

acctmemb.txt <-- this is the file you want

upload.txt

226 ASCII Transfer complete.

43 bytes received in 0.0011 seconds (37 Kbytes/s)

ftp> get acctmemb.txt the get command to retrieve the file 200 PORT command successful.

150 ASCII data connection for acctmemb.txt (155.37.9.88,32817) (27633 bytes)

226 ASCII Transfer complete.

local: acctmemb.txt remote: acctmemb.txt

27839 bytes received in 0.025 seconds (1.1e+03 Kbytes/s)

ftp>quit command to get out of ftp mode

221 Goodbye.

This will transfer the file from our machine to yours. You may then need to use a different program such as Kermit or Procomm to download it from the mainframe to your desktop machine.

Now that you have the file, you need to import it into a program to manipulate it. Although I'll explain how to bring it into Excel 5.0 in Windows the concepts are the same. It imports beautifully into Access, the Windows database program. Open up Excel and then drag down from the File menu to Open file. Find where you put the acctmemb.txt file and open it. NOTE: You need to change the List of Files Type box to All Files as the default is .xls and our file is a .txt and won't show up. The Text Import Wizard will come up and will give you options for converting the data. Make sure the Delimited box is clicked because our data is comma delimited. You will see in the window below what your data will look like. Click on the Next button and then choose comma as the delimited mark and make sure that (") is listed as your text qualifier. You should now see your data in columns in the window. Click on Next button and then make sure General Format is chosen. Click on Finish button and the data will be formatted into your Excel spreadsheet. Now you may sort the data by any of the fields you wish such as LIBID, institution, or date joined. To do this, go to the Data menu and choose Sort. You can then pick whichever column you want and it will sort the table for you on that column. This way you have one table with the flexibility to organize it in whatever manner you want. Again, different versions or different programs may not be exactly the same but the idea is to import the data as a comma delimited, " qualified file.

If this is still all too overwhelming, don't despair, there are still a few options left. The first one is to go to our home page, http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/ner/ where there is a listing sorted by LIBID. It is my hope to soon add one sorted by institution. The final option is to give me a call and tell me what format you need the information and I'll be glad to fax you a copy of it. If you have any questions or want to walk through your system with me, don't hesitate to give me a call at 1-800-338-7567 or 860-679-4793.

# **Mary Anne Toner Remembered**

submitted by

Sue Jagels, Librarian, Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor, ME

Michelle Volesko, Librarian, NJ Hospital Association, Princeton, NJ

Mary Anne Toner, of Yardley, PA, passed away May 7 after a very brave fight against breast cancer. Since 1986, she had been the library director at the Helene Fuld Medical Center in Trenton, NJ. Previous library positions included Thanyer Public Library (Braintree, MA), King's College (Wilkes-Barre, PA), Worcester (MA) City Hospital and Mercy Hospital (Portland, ME).

Her many friends in the northeast will remember her as an active participant in many professional organizations, including HSLIC, NAHSL, HSLANJ and the Hospital Library Section of MLA. She was a distinguished member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) and was the immediate past president of the Health Sciences Library Association of NJ (HSLANJ). Mary Anne was active on many committees and taskforces in her state. Her professional activities were carried out with a sense of humor and dedication that will be long remembered by her colleagues.

Mary Anne especially loved to travel. After her illness was diagnosed, Mary Anne and her husband, Bill, were able to get in a last trip to Scotland. Mary Anne made trips to the Medical Library Association a special event for those who accompanied her to art museums and restaurants at conference locales. She was the one who knew "which" off-Broadway play, "what" hot restaurant, and what "not-to-be-missed" exhibit. She will be sorely missed.

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consortia proposals, larger awards may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis to support the development or enhancement of multi-location networks. More highly competitive awards - two year non-renewable grants of approximately \$350,000 - are available to support high performance connections for research and education institutions and facilities. This latter award will be considered only for institutions that have demonstrated experience and success with existing Internet connections.

The Connections to the Internet program has two review cycles per year. The deadline dates are January 31 and July 31. To receive more information about these grants and the NSF *Grant Proposal Guide* contact the Division of Networking & Communications Research & Infrastructure, Room 1175, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

## **Volunteers Sought For Boston Exhibits**

The NN/LM NER office is looking to form a pool of librarians from the Boston area interested in helping out at our national exhibits this Fall. We are looking for volunteers willing to exhibit for a few hours during the day along with our staff. Volunteers would get a chance to visit the other vendors at the show and see the latest in research and technology for health care professionals. Both shows are at the Hynes Convention Center.

#### **American Academy of Pediatrics**

Saturday October 26, 1996 Sunday October 27, 1996 Monday October 28, 1996

#### American College of Allergy and Immunology

Saturday November 9, 1996 Sunday November 10, 1996 Monday November 11, 1996 Tuesday November 12, 1996

If you are interested, contact Timothy Roberts, Outreach Coordinator, at (800) 338-1657 or roberts@nso.uchc.edu.

#### **EFTS MEMBERS JOINING July-August, 1996**

This is a listing of the organizations establishing EFTS accounts from July1-August 6, 1996. For questions, more information or to set up an account contact the office at 860-679-4500.

LIBID	SERHOLD CODE#	ORGANIZATION	DATE JOINED
02124E	СНЈ	Carney Hospital	7/1/96
133650	G LFH	Little Falls Hospital	7/1/96
04543A	DEF	Miles Memorial Hospital	7/1/96
04073A	GDL	H.D. Goodall Hospital	7/1/96
14853A	CLR	Cornell UniverColl. of Vet.	7/3/96
02178E	<b>MCQ</b>	McLean Hospital	7/3/96
05661A	CHV	Copley Hospital	7/12/96
133460	G HNY	Community Memorial Hosp.	7/24/96
13421E	ONC	Oneida Healthcare Center	7/24/96
13440E	ROM	Rome Memorial Hospital	7/24/96
03257A	NLH	New London Hospital	8/6/96
11203Г	MRL	SUNY Health Sci. Ctr.	8/6/96

#### NN/LM NER Contract 1996-2001

#### by John Stey, Associate Director

The NN/LM NER will continue to provide leadership in the region by staying actively involved in key issues that affect health science librarians and health professionals access to biomedical information. We will continue to monitor and anticipate emerging trends in information technology and healthcare delivery and plan accordingly. We will also monitor and address problems that affect health science librarians such as downsizing, access to consumer health information and the lack of appropriate skills that are necessary to provide the highest quality service to health professionals and other clients they serve. Below are some of the services and programs we will provide for the network members and health professionals in the region.

- Create a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)
- · Maintain a Network Membership Database
- · Coordinate SERHOLD and DOCLINE
- · Provide DOCLINE training
- · Publish a newsletter of the highest quality
- · Maintain and improve the WWW home page
- Provide a listsery for discussion of issues and concerns
- · Encourage resource sharing and consortia development
- Provide access to and assistance for grant development
- Provide information services including reference and ILL to health professionals and health science librarians

- Encourage resource libraries to provide information services and document delivery to unaffiliated health professionals
- Encourage primary access libraries and resource libraries to participate in LOANSOME DOC®
- · Assist network members to gain access to the Internet
- · Provide funding for outreach projects via an RFP
- Provide GRATEFUL MED<sup>®</sup> demonstrations and training
- Exhibit at national, state and regional professional meetings
- · Promote access to AIDS information
- · Co-sponsor information technology fairs
- · Coordinate the EFTS

#### **Grateful Med for Windows**

The long awaited release of Grateful Med for Windows is almost upon us. The product is currently in the last stages of beta testing. Members of the NN/LM New England Region staff have had the opportunity to preview the product at this stage and it is very impressive. Aside from the advantage of having the same GM form screen to build your search strategy in a point and click environment, Grateful Med for Windows has introduced some features that make it very appealing.

The Winsock (Windows Internet) access is very fast, comparable to the speed of Internet Grateful Med. Another really attractive feature is access to the complete *List of Serials Indexed for Online Users* journal abbreviations. This can be used to build a personal journal list or to check whether the journal of interest is indexed in MEDLINE.

The manner in which results are displayed is also different. Citations are retrieved for initial display in batches of 25 (this number can be changed using the Search Preferences). The user can pick and choose which citations they want to obtain detailed information for, print, save, or order. The user can even select the fields or parts of the citations displayed for both the initial and the detailed displays.

The Grateful Med for Windows anticipated release date was summer 1996. A postcard was included in the PC/DOS update mailing asking users if they would like to receive the Windows version, at no additional cost instead of the PC/DOS update. The initial release of Grateful Med for Windows will include form screens for MEDLINE and the backfiles, access to HSTAT, direct MEDLARS searching and LOANSOME DOC ordering capability with additional databases to follow.

Grateful Med for Windows is something to look forward to as it will make it easier for the end user to search the biomedical literature and increase the value of the librarians role as liaison.

# Tufts University Health Sciences Library Staff News: submitted by Cora Ho, Librarian, Tufts University, Boston, MA

Elizabeth Eaton, Director, Susan Albright, Project Manager, and Elaine Almeida, Database Manager, presented a paper "Creating and Managing Digital Multimedia Resources" at the 87th Annual Conference of the Special Libraries Association in Boston on June 12, 1996. The Tufts University Health Sciences Library (THSL), under its broad goal of information management and access, is developing a series of comprehensive digital multimedia resources (DMRS) composed of educational materials and supporting multimedia, including still images, digital video, and audio. These materials will be integrated into living documents through cross-referencing by hypertext links. Using BASISplus, these databases will serve the TSHL constituency on the Tufts Health Sciences Campus as well as remote users, regardless of platform. A total of nine courses will be available this fall on the library's Health Sciences Database via client/server or Netscape. The paper was also published in the Proceedings of the Contributed Paper Session, "Locally Mounted Electronic Products in Biomedical and Life Sciences Libraries," Biological Sciences Division, Special Libraries Association, 87th Annual Conference, Boston, 1996.

## **Calendar of Events**

# September 26-27, 1996

"Statistics for Librarians" Association of Research Libraries workshop, ARL Headquarters, Washington DC Info: Martha Kyrillidou, ARL, (202) 296-2296; martha@cni.org

#### October 6-8

NELA Annual Meeting Defining Libraries: Ourselves, Our Mission, Our Future Manchester, NH Info: Mary Ann Rupert (603) 685-5966

#### October 6-8, 1996

"Current Realities, Future Directions: The Business of Health Science Libraries" NAHSL Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency, Greenwich, CT Info: R. Kenny Marone, (203) 785-4358; marone@biomed.med.yale.edu

#### October 13-16, 1996

"Transforming Libraries: Leadership and Technology in the Info. Age" LITA/LAMA National Conference Pittsburgh Conv. Ctr. Pittsburgh, PA Info: Rob Carlson, ALA, (800) 545-2433, ext. 4270 rob.carlson@ala.org

#### October 26-30, 1996

NN/LM-NER will be exhibiting at the American Academy of Pediatrics Hynes Convention Ctr. Boston, MA

#### November 9-13, 1996

NN/LM-NER will be exhibiting at the American College of Allergy and Immunology Hynes Convention Ctr. Boston, MA

#### November 14, 1996

Selecting and Cataloging Internet Resources Conn. Lib. Assoc. Portland, CT Info: Susan Pfister (203) 281-8918

# November 21-22, 1996

MEDLARS Fundamentals Training New York, NY (800) 638-8480

#### **December 3-6, 1996**

CAUSE '96 San Francisco, CA Info: CAUSE, (303) 939-0315 info@cause.colorado.edu

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# **Coming Attractions:**

In the next issue we will include a pull-out chart that will sumarize at a glance all of the interlibrary loan policies of the resource libraries in the New England Region. So keep your eyes open for this handy reference table. If it's ready before the next issue, we will post it on our Web site so watch the NNLM-NER listserv for the announcement.

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